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1. LAO GENERALS PHOUMI, NOSAVAN, SIHO LANPHOUTHAKCUL AND SIX LAO OFFICERS WHO HAD FLED TO THAILAND FOR SAFETY LEFT UDCN FOR BANGKOK ON THE MORNING OF 11 FEBRUARY 1965. THE GROUP TRAVELING TO BANGKOK WITH PHOUMI AND SIHO INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING MEN: POLICE LIEUTENANT COLONEL KHAMFANH PHISANOUKANH, THE FORMER COMMANDER OF VIENTIANE PROVINCIAL POLICE; POLICE LIEUTENANT COLONEL WANCHAI KHAM SOPHA, FORMER ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR IMMIGRATION POLICE; ARMY MAJOR NCNSAY, PHOUMI'S AIDE; ARMY CAPTAIN PHOURATSAMAY RATTANAVONG, PHOUMI'S NEPHEW AND INTELLIGENCE AIDE; ARMY CAPTAIN PHOUMALY NOSAVAN, PHOUMI'S NEPHEW; AND POLICE LIEUTENANT KHOUNMI, SIHO'S AIDE.

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A MALE SERVANT OF PHOUMI WAS ALSO WITH THE GROUP. (FIELD COMMENT: SOME OF THESE OFFICERS WERE ON THE LIST OF OFFICERS WHO WERE ABSENT FROM DUTY IN VIENTIANE. SEE [REDACTED] (TDCS-314/01687-65) . [REDACTED] (TDCS-314/01423-65) INCORRECTLY IDENTIFIED CAPTAIN PHOURATSAMAY AS PHOUMI'S SON.)

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2. POLICE LIEUTENANT COLONELS KHAMPHOUI SAYARTH, A PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE EXPERT, AND PANY PHONETHIPSAVATH, FORMER SECRETARY GENERAL OF NATIONAL POLICE, WERE TO MOVE FROM UDON TO BANGKOK WHEN HOUSING BECAME AVAILABLE.

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